GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS IN ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of companies that have intensified their exploration activities with a view to increase the production of oil and gas in Orissa during the Ninth Plan, year-wise.

(b) the amount of funds earmarked, released and spent during the last three years, till date on this account; and

(c) the expected demand of oil and natural gas and the target set for the production of oil and natural gas from the State during the Ninth Plan period?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a)&(b): In the past, National Oil Companies(NOCs) viz. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) in the search for Hydrocarbons carried out survey and drilling works in Mahanadi basin, both onshore and offshore, but without any commercial success. The New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) envisages NOCs to compete for acreages with the Private/Join Venture companies. In the first round of NELP, three blocks in offshore area of Mahanadi basin have been awarded and contracts signed. Three more blocks under the second round of NELP are on offer in Mahanadi basin out of which two blocks are in offshore and one in onland area. The bid closing date is 31st March, 2001.

(c): No targets for demand and production are fixed statewise.